

Dear FCC Commissioners,

Thank you for taking time to hear from the public. It is clear that media concentration has gone too far in this country, with many view points shut out from general access to media outlets. This is a dangerous development as democracy requires a multiplicity of view points to function properly. As the commission is set to examine a further loosening of ownership rules this summer which will result in further concentration. I implore you to take a second look at how the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has already changed the media landscape in such negative ways. The FCC should not concern itself with whether or not it agrees with certain view points, it should be the custodian of diversity in the media. The Commission has failed to live up to that role in recent years. As a U.S. citizen I have been alarmed to witness the range of discussion significantly narrow in recent years. In light of these developments, please do not loosen ownership rules further as this may result in severely negative consequences as the political spectrum becomes dominated by those who can afford to own media outlets. This would be a betrayal of the trust placed in your hands as guardians of media access for ALL Americans. In light of these concerns, I would ask that the FCC re-examine the current situation in the U.S. media and seek to broaden debate, discussion, and democracy by further restricting ownership in media outlets.

Thank you again for your time and service,

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